GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3806
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COMPENSATION TO DRY DOCK ACCIDENT VICTIMS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Embassy in Dubai has submitted a report on the Dry Dock accident in that country;

(b) if so, the number of Indians killed in the accident including the time by when the dead bodies were sent to India;

(c) whether any ex-gratia/interim compensation has been announced by the concerned Dubai authorities in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Union Government to provide relief to the next kin of the dead and also the injured?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Nine Indian nationals were reported dead, out of which one body has still not been recovered. All other bodies have been sent to India at the cost of Dubai Drydocks within the least possible time.

(c) &(d) No ex-gratia/interim compensation has been announced by the Dubai Drydock authorities. The compensation is regulated as per Workmen`s Compensation Act of the United Arab Emirates.

(e) The Consulate General of India, Dubai has rendered all necessary assistance to the affected persons, in securing compensation and other dues from the local authorities.